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The 2010 Budget

This year, the Common Council deliberated ways to amend the mayor's proposed budget by simply looking to work smarter and manage with less. Some proposed cuts, however, didn't pass at the Council level. Alderman Dudzik voted to reduce the car allowance granted to Council members by 50%, creating thousands of dollars in savings.

"If we're asking the city and its workers to make cuts and sacrifices, then we can certainly do the same," Alderman Dudzik said. The amendment was defeated by his colleagues, however.

This year, as always, public safety was a priority in the budget. The Council worked to reduce unpaid furloughs for police officers from four days down to two and no police officers or firefighters will be laid off. The entire \$1.44 billion budget was approved 13-2.

Falling property values have pushed up tax rates overall, however, and the combined tax rate for Milwaukee homeowners (including county, city and MPS rates) was increased from \$24.03 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$25.98.

We have benefited from stimulus and federal monies particularly in public safety as one of the only cities to receive full funding for a new police class and federal aid will pay for another 50 officers.

Some important changes were made in our public works include recycling pickup to take place regularly every three weeks, an increase from the once-a-month pick ups of prior years. This will take effect when we return to the regular summer pickup schedule. Go to www.milwaukee.gov/mpw for pickup schedules.

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

This is the first newsletter I've mailed this year (2009)—but it's not the only news available. I encourage you all to use my website, www.milwaukee.gov/district11 to access my first all-online newsletter from spring 2009. In an effort to save money and "go green," my office created a newsletter for download rather than printing and mailing. This, along with other energy and cost saving actions, has been the focus of the Common Council in this tough budget season.

Other savings in place include a new recycling plan scheduling collection for once every three weeks rather than once a month. After the state increased its tipping fees for waste disposal, the prudent choice was to encourage residents in the city to utilize our recycling program more frequently. More news on this and other related public works issues are inside this newsletter.

Many things happened in the 11th District this year, including a celebration of our 4th of July traditions and continued work on our water main improvement projects. We are now moving through phase two into phase three of those projects and all information or questions you have can be directed to my office or my website.

Important tips about winter services and a reminder about the days the city will be closed next year, including our cost-saving furlough days, are also within.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas season!

Keep safe and warm,

Joe Dudzik
Alderman, 11th District



New Police Captain Serves the District

This year, MPD Chief Flynn drew new police district lines and also reassigned officers in order to help them cross-train and develop new policing groups within the department. Aldermanic District 11 is still served by police district 6, and its new captain, Michael Young, met with Alderman Dudzik and Father Thomas Demse of St. Gregory the Great church and school (left). The group discussed the church's traditional festival and ways to help keep the event safe and fun for all.

Water Main Repairs Nearly Finished

The Milwaukee Water Works has been improving water pressure in an area of the 11th Aldermanic District. The affected area in the district includes S. 51st St. to S. 60th St., from W. Cold Spring Rd. to W. Eden Pl., according to Alderman Dudzik.

“The safety of the drinking water will not be compromised at any time during this project, so residents can be assured that they can safely consume, cook with and bathe in the water at all times,” said Alderman Dudzik. When finished, the effort should bring stronger shower spray to bathrooms and stronger flow at faucets.

The Water Works will replace some of the older water mains prior to increasing the pressure. This should greatly reduce the number of main breaks as the water pressure increases. Also, because of the large size of the area, the Water Works is constructing the new water mains in three phases (see maps). Prior to each planned pressure increase, Water Works personnel will go door-to-door to talk with customers and leave informational door hangers.

Here is the remaining schedule:

Phase II: S. 43rd St. to S. 60th St., and the We Energies right-of-way to W. Howard Ave.: Due to favorable bid prices, the water mains were replaced in 2009. The successful implementation of Phase I has resulted in the Milwaukee Water Works considering increasing the water pressure in Phase II in 2010, one year earlier than previously expected.

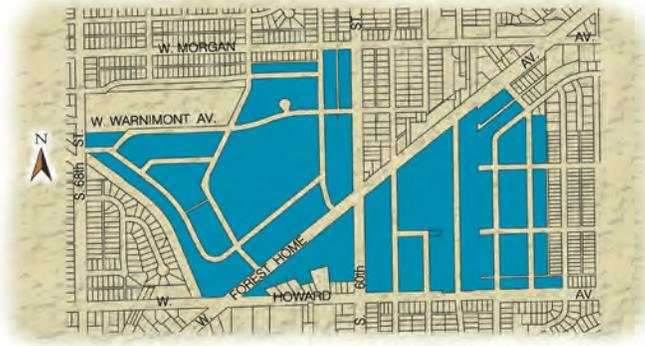
Phase III: S. 54th St. to S. 63rd St., and W. Howard Ave. to W. Eden Pl.: Due to these favorable bid prices, design work on Phase III has begun and replacement of the mains is now planned to begin in the summer of 2010. Based upon a successful implementation of Phase II, the water pressure increase is now planned for 2011.

When the new mains are in service, the Water Works will notify residents and test mains prior to increasing water pressure.

Homes, apartments and businesses with older plumbing or existing leaks in their internal plumbing may see additional water dripping due to this raise in pressure.



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City Recycling and Cost Savings

Alderman Dudzik, a member of the recycling task force, believes the city will soon move to a single-stream form of recycling. In this model, all recyclables are deposited together in the bin and sorted later. This method can save on gas and energy costs related to the trucks and their mode of pick up.

Until then, however, the Common Council voted as part of the 2010 Milwaukee budget that recycling will now take place once every three weeks instead of once every 30-31 days. This new set schedule should help residents recycle more easily. Additionally, this year, the state has increased its tipping fees for garbage, so as garbage collection prices continue to increase, the new recycling schedule can help defray those costs.

Winter is here and snowy days loom, so residents are reminded that snow plows are often attached to garbage collection vehicles. As a result, garbage collection may become irregular or delayed during the winter months. Residents should also remember to shovel around their garbage carts for ease of access. For more on garbage collection dates or changes, please see the new Department of Public Works webpage, www.milwaukee.gov/mpw for information.

Citywide Furlough Days and Holidays

Furlough Days

The City of Milwaukee is implementing a mandatory furlough program that includes a shutdown of most city services for four days in 2010:

- April 5
- May 28
- July 2
- September 3

The majority of City of Milwaukee employees will not report to work on these days. City Hall and all other city office buildings will be closed, however essential city services will not be interrupted. The following city services will not be affected:

- Public Safety, including police, fire and EMT
- Garbage Collection
- Parking Enforcement
- Tow Lot
- Water Works
- Call Center and City Hall Operator

Holidays

Per the 2010 City of Milwaukee holiday schedule, all city offices will also be closed on the following days:

- January 18
- April 2
- May 31
- July 5
- September 6
- November 25
- November 26
- December 24
- December 27
- December 31

The 35th Fourth

For 35 years, Mr. Markel (not pictured) at 5400 W. Jerelyn Place has been celebrating Independence Day in style. He has fired off his three full-sized antique cannons every year to help the neighborhood celebrate the 4th of July. This year, he received special permission from MPD Chief Flynn to continue the tradition. Alderman Dudzik is pictured here enjoying the celebration with two other neighborhood attendees.

Curious About Crime?

Residents can use a new crime awareness website called "SpotCrime." This data aggregator maps crime incidents, plots them on Google Maps and delivers alerts via a multitude of platforms. The data comes from police departments, news reports and user-generated content. Go to www.spotcrime.com to learn more. As always, the Milwaukee Police Department also offers crime analysis tools to you and at www.milwaukee.gov/police you can learn more about crime maps and meetings for our police district.

Electronic Efficiencies

You may have noticed this is the first 2009 newsletter you've received from Alderman Dudzik, but it's not the only information he's distributed this year. In an attempt to create efficiencies and save money, District 11 is using its website, www.milwaukee.gov/district11, to share information with constituents. This spring, an online-only newsletter was posted to the website. Always check online for important information, updates and resources!

Fixing our Streets, One Tax Incremental District at a Time

This spring, Alderman Dudzik rallied with other Council members to propose legislation that could use millions from city tax incremental districts (TIDs) to fund badly needed street reconstruction projects. This idea has been described as an ingenious way of paying for infrastructure work while also providing valuable training and job opportunities for residents of the city.

"Funding sorely needed infrastructure work using TID dollars will have little or no impact on our already overburdened tax levy, while allowing us to also provide valuable jobs and training for city residents who will be hired on to good jobs that pay prevailing wages," Alderman Dudzik said. "This plan is a win-win for the city of Milwaukee."

The plan comes after the recent passage of Wisconsin Senate Bill 223, which specifically allows cities to use TID funds

for infrastructure improvements within a one-half mile radius of the TID district's boundaries. The city Department of Public Works has already identified more than \$15 million in street work that meets the TID boundary criterion.

Alderman Dudzik says federal stimulus money has been beneficial in fixing local streets and roads, but more long-term funding sources are needed.

This fall, the legislation passed the Common Council and now in preparing the project plan for any new tax incremental district, the Department of City Development shall include in the plan, as project costs, the costs of all street paving projects anticipated to occur within the district and within one-half mile of the district's boundaries within the next 6 years. DCD must also consult with Public Works to help implement this innovative street paving plan.





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Milwaukee's Future:
IT'S IN OUR HANDS
April 1, 2010 is Census Day!
STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

Find out more at: www.milwaukee.gov/2010census



Oklahoma Ave. Gets a Facelift

The installation of new water mains also allowed for repaving on Oklahoma Ave. from 60th St. to 72nd St. The service drives have been completed and the water main installation is ongoing. The construction is being funded with \$2.6 million in federal stimulus money and will proceed as weather permits.

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Making Plans For Winter

Alderman Dudzik wants to remind all residents of some of the requirements during snow and ice control operations. Remember that public safety is the first priority during snow and ice control on the city's 1,400 miles of city streets. Streets are prioritized based on traffic volume, public transportation routes, access to emergency services and schools.

The Response Depends On The Storm

The Department of Public Works will use only one or two salt trucks to tackle intermittent salting of isolated slippery spots, but a full scale plowing for a big storm will use over 360 pieces of equipment, supplemented by private contractors. The most common operation is a general ice control in which 90 salt trucks are sent out citywide.

During a major storm, a general plowing is called and may take 12 to 18 hours to complete the initial plowing followed by several more days cleaning up after parked cars, touching up intersections and widening streets. "Sometimes plows must make four to six passes down a street to clear it curb to curb," said Alderman Dudzik, "and while the city tries to do this at one time, it's best to wait, if possible, until the plows finish before shoveling out your driveway approach."

Please Shovel Your Sidewalks

A reminder that property owners and occupants are required by city law to clear sidewalks abutting their property of snow or ice within 24 hours after the snow and ice have stopped falling. Failure to do so could result in the city doing it and charging you.

Move Your Car To Help Snow Removal

The single biggest problem during major snowstorms is parked and abandoned cars. The plows try to get as close to the curb as they can but those "snowbirds" get in the way and prevent them from completing the job. Alderman Dudzik asks that you move your vehicles so plows can clear the streets curb to curb. Remember, it is illegal to park in one place for more than 24 hours.

The Milwaukee Public Schools make a number of school playgrounds available for overnight parking during snow emergencies. Call the DPW Information Center at **286-8350** for the location of an MPS "snoasis" nearest your home.

"Hardship" Assistance Can Help

Is shoveling your sidewalk after a big Milwaukee snowstorm a "mission impossible" because of age or disability? Alderman Dudzik wants you to know that city sanitation workers may be able to give you a helping hand. If you are a senior citizen or disabled and living in a single-family, owner-occupied home, and are physically unable to do the shoveling, you may be eligible for "hardship" assistance.

Eligibility requirements:

- Resident must own the home
- Others in home must also be unable to shovel
- Only the public sidewalk is cleared, no driveways or private walkways
- Shoveling done only when plowing operations are called
- There is a \$10.00 flat rate each time the sidewalk is cleared
- Call Sanitation Division at **286-3345** for application